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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

## Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 4, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 4, 2001 Office Action originally was due March 4, 2002. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, and authorization to charge the extension fee. In view of the filing of this Petition and payment of the fee, a response is now due June 4, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is timely filed.

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